Assembly Bill No. 1181

CHAPTER 305

An act to amend Section 3505.3 of the Government Code, relating to public employee organizations.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1181, Gray. Public employee organizations: members: paid leaves of absence.

The Meyers-Milias-Brown Act requires that local public agencies allow a reasonable number of local public agency employee representatives of recognized employee organizations reasonable time off without loss of compensation or other benefits when formally meeting and conferring with representatives of the public agency.

This bill would additionally require the local public agency to give reasonable time off, without loss of compensation or other benefits, to public agency employee representatives when they are testifying or appearing as the designated representative, as defined, of the employee organization in proceedings before the Public Employment Relations Board in matters relating to a charge filed by the employee organization against the public agency or by the public agency against the employee organization, or when they are testifying or appearing as the designated representative, as defined, of the employee organization in matters before a personnel or merit commission. The bill would require the employee organization being represented to provide reasonable notification to the employer requesting a leave of absence without loss of compensation pursuant to these provisions.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3505.3 of the Government Code is amended to read:

- 3505.3. (a) Public agencies shall allow a reasonable number of public agency employee representatives of recognized employee organizations reasonable time off without loss of compensation or other benefits when they are participating in any one of the following activities:
- (1) Formally meeting and conferring with representatives of the public agency on matters within the scope of representation.
- (2) Testifying or appearing as the designated representative of the employee organization in conferences, hearings, or other proceedings before the board, or an agent thereof, in matters relating to a charge filed by the

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employee organization against the public agency or by the public agency against the employee organization.

- (3) Testifying or appearing as the designated representative of the employee organization in matters before a personnel or merit commission.
- (b) The employee organization being represented shall provide reasonable notification to the employer requesting a leave of absence without loss of compensation pursuant to subdivision (a).
- (c) For the purposes of this section, "designated representative" means an officer of the employee organization or a member serving in proxy of the employee organization.